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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, BC, UK

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE UK MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO BOTSWANA

REF: LONDON 8963

1. IN JUNE 1 MEETING WITH UNDER SECRETARY HABIB,
HMG MINISTER OF STATE ROWLANDS REAFFIRMED INTEREST OF
HMG IN PROVIDING BOTSWANA WITH MILITARY ASSISTANCE IN
FORM OF TRAINING, ORGANIZATION, AND LIMITED COMMERCIAL
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SALES.

2. REFTTEL NOTES BRITISH CONSIDERED BOTSWANAN GENERAL
MERAFHE LESS THAN AGGRESSIVE IN SEEKING UK MILITARY
ASSISTANCE DURING HIS MAY VISIT TO LONDON. HAVE PROBLEMS
INVOLVED WITH EARLIER COMMERCIAL SALE OF ARMS AND AMMUN-
ITION FROM UK FIRM TO BOTSWANA CAUSED BOTSWANA TO

QUESTION UK CAPABILITY IN THIS AREA?

3. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ASSESSMENT OF BOTSWANAN PLANS TO MEET ITS SECURITY REQUIREMENTS. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW IF PRESIDENT KHAMA PLANS TO DISCUSS SECURITY PROBLEMS WITH HMG DURING HIS PRIVATE VISIT TO LONDON.

4. FYI: US POSITION ON POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE WOULD DEPEND HEAVILY ON BOTSWANAN WILLINGNESS ACCEPT ASSISTANCE ITS TRADITIONAL SUPPLIER PREPARED TO PROVIDE. END FYI.
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